

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at Astbury Village Hall.

Part 1

Present

Councillor A Banks (AB)
Councillor N Barton (NB)
Councillor J Carter, Chairman (JC)
Councillor P Cliff (PC)
Councillor J Critchlow, Vice Chairman (AJC)
Councillor P Critchlow (PCr)
Councillor B Jelf (BJ)
Councillor R Lomas (RL)
Councillor N Plant (NP)
Councillor N Sharman (NS)
Councillor R Sutton (RS)
Councillor J Ward (JW)
Councillor L Wardlaw, Cheshire East (LW)
Ms J Mason - Clerk.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr BJ - Wallhill Lane, Cllr PC – Wallhill Lane, Cllr P Cr – payments and Wallhill Lane, Cllr J Cr – Wallhill Lane, Cllr RS – Sibelco, Cllr RL – ‘Branching Out’ donation.

Public Forum

Four members of the public present.

Two members from the Astbury May Day committee wished to communicate their plans for 2020 event. They explained how their profits had been divided from this year’s May Day and although the majority was allocated to the primary school the church still needed a larger donation. They had decided to follow the theme of the annual ‘Bear Hunt’ event in the Parish of Brereton and launch the ‘Astbury Allies’ which would involve villagers making a display to commemorate the VE day. Each display would give a donation of £15 and then to complete a ‘hunt’ around the Parish another charge would be involved. There would be prizes allocated. This would hopefully raise extra funds for the Church. They wanted to make the PC aware and ask for their support.

Two residents from Brownlow Heath Lane had attended to enquire the progress which had been made with the traffic mitigation measures on their lane after the recent meeting with Mr Sean Halewood CE Highway Officer in October.

Apologies

Councillor C Kennerly (CK) due to work commitments

150/19 Minutes

Resolved the minutes from 9th October 2019 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

151/19 Wallhill Lane

Cllr BJ had attended a meeting with Mr S Halewood CE Highways Officer and the residents from the lane to discuss the Wall hill Lane Traffic Mitigation proposals. It was made clear this had not included Brownlow Heath Lane residents. There had been no communication from CE highways to the PC but they had received some information from a local resident living

on Wall hill Lane.

Cllr BJ said they had moved toward option B which had involved pinch points but there were flaws with this option; the lighting was a lot more intrusive than currently for a rural lane and the local farmer would have access issues. Overall, she had concerns about the process of the consultation and asked for support from Cllr LW.

The Chairman was also concerned that the CE highways officers were not communicating with the PC.

Resolved the Clerk would write to Ms F Price CE Highways and ask to be copied into all correspondence.

152/19 Monthly Council Surgery

Cllr BJ and Cllr RL (late) had attended the first session. Two residents had reported concerns about the improvement measures on Brownlow Heath Lane. The advertising was discussed and the manner in which the Parish would be aware of the surgery.

Resolved the event would be advertised in the local paper for three months.

153/19 Astbury May Day

The presentation was well received. The members considered the PC would be able to support with the advertising across the Parish. The item would be placed on the agenda in the new year to agree actions.

154/19 Glebe Farm Wildlife Area.

A tree surgeon called 'Branching Out Tree Services' was proposing to set up a wildlife location within the curtilage of Glebe Farm as a non-profit venture which aims to provide a location for the community to simply visit for free. He wished to facilitate access for children from schools primarily. They needed financial support with the setting up costs. The Clerk had requested the accounts to follow the Grants Policy but there were none to date.

Resolved the Parish Council supported in principle expenditure up to £460 for the purchase and planting of trees and hedges necessary for the project subject to the following provisos:

- i) The wildlife area would be accessible without charge to the public in perpetuity by access from FP 24.
- ii) The tree works would be independently certified by inspection as complete before discharge of payment.
- iii) Confirmation would be required that proposals were in accordance with prevailing Planning and Conservation Area Policy.
- iv) A written receipt must be provided by the organisation and a note to show the funds have been used for the purposes specified in the application and the council reserves the right to require repayment in the event of the outcome not being achieved.

It was acknowledged this amount exceeded the £250 limit in one donation application.

155/19 Budget 2020/21

The draft budget had been circulated to members and it was debated between members.

Resolved the precept for 2020/21 would be £15,000.

It was noted this was £41.95 for a Band D property.

156/19 Financial Regulations

The draft Financial Regulations had been circulated to members. These had been advised by NALC.

Resolved the Parish Council would adopt the Financial Regulation as circulated.

157/19 Defibrillators in the Parish

The Parish Council own a defibrillator which is situated at Ackers Crossing and some years ago the North West Ambulance had donated five which were situated;

- Pecks restaurant

- The Horseshoe Inn
- The Brownlow Inn
- The Egerton Arms
- Glebe Farm

The Brownlow Inn had submitted a report to the Clerk that their defibrillator was not being checked and they did not wish to engage. There was a discussion of how to take the matter forward. It was agreed that the Clerk would try and find a volunteer.

158/19 War Memorial

Cllr PCr reported that the cost of cleaning the sides was due to be £200 as may need paying before the next meeting. To add the names and renovate the memorial the estimate was due to be in the region of £2,000 - £4000 but this would be confirmed before works would be carried out.

It was noted to other estimates would need to be sourced.

159/19 GDPR

After the launch of GDPR last year and the initial instruction of J D H Services it was discussed if this service was necessary for 2020. The Chairman advised the consequences of non-compliance would be serious and an advisory role was important.

Resolved the Parish Council would engage JDH Service Ltd.

160/19 Planning Applications

- 19/4988C 13, New Road, Moreton CW12 3PA – Proposed new vehicular access and car parking area.

Resolved No Objection

- 19/4650C Great Moreton Hall, New Road, Moreton CW12 4RY- Construction of an extension to form a private leisure facility for family use in the kitchen garden alterations to adjoining outbuildings, garden walls and adjoining stable building and associated works.

Resolved No Objection

- 19/4651C Great Moreton Hall, New Road, Moreton CW12 4RY – Listed building application for the construction of an extension to form a private leisure facility for family use in the kitchen garden, alterations to adjoining outbuildings to provide changing facilities, gym and steam room and repair of outbuilding, garden walls and adjoining stable building and associated works.

Resolved No Objection

Rushey Hey- a resident had complained about the lack of planning compliance at the site.

The Parish Council had read the information supplied but it was insufficient to take any actions. The Clerk would seek further information from the resident for the next meeting.

170/19 Highways

Hedge outside the Rectory – actioned

Footpath Clearance along the A34 – due to be completed before Christmas.

Curb Stones around the Village Green- the Clerk had requested a quote from Willis's three times, and it had not been forthcoming. Cllr JC and Cllr NB offered to take the responsibility and feedback in January.

Mow Lane and 'Ganny' Bank reference 3369808 – this still had not been resolved. There also had been a complaint submitted from a resident to the portfolio holder Cllr B Roberts. It had been acknowledged that a senior officer would attend site. No actions to date.

Potholes on Watery Lane - ref 3371349 – Cllr JW reported only one had been actioned and the road was worse than when first submitted due to the weather.

Weight Limit Sign on Dodds Lane – This had been attached to the Give Way sign, but the post and street name was still outstanding.

Hedge along Childs Lane – still outstanding but a job had now been raised. The legal team were ensuring the monies could be retrieved.

Fence Lane manhole - Cllr RL reported this was still causing flooding on Fence Lane and the recent weather was exacerbating the situation.

Accident - 06.11.19 -on the Village Green with a van and estate car was noted.

171/19 Accounts

To note the balance of the accounts - £19,209.54

Payments

- *Cheque no 700* - £36.00 Crewe Colour Printers
- *Online payment* - ££5.00 Mr P Critchlow (daffodils)
- *Online payment* - £75.00 CHALC (Cllr J Cr 06.11.19 training)
- *Online payment* - £35.00 CHALC (Cllr JW 16.10.19 training)
- *Online payment* - £97.92 Congleton Chronicle
- *Online payment* - £27.60 DAC Beachcroft Insurance (VAT)

Resolved the above payments be approved and signed for as above.

Receipts

Nil

Cllr NP confirmed the balance of the Bank Reconciliation before the next meeting.

172/19 Budget 2020/21

The Clerk had drafted the budget which had been circulated to members. The budget was considered by the Parish Council considering the business plan and the spend to 2019/20.

Resolved the precept for 2020/21 was agreed at £15,000.

173/19 Cheshire East

Resolved to suspend the Standing Orders to accept a report from the Ward Councillor L Wardlaw

There was an update on Wallhill Lane, she was disappointed with communication from the highways team.

The 'tartan shawl' was explained to members in relation to public health in the community and how it could benefit the Ward Cllrs and the Parish Council.

174/19 Chairman and Members Report

Newsletter –delivered this week.

Emails for the PC's – little progress had been made with the adoption of new emails.

Training Course attended at CHALC – Cllr JW and Cllr J Cr updated members on the courses they had attended.

Sibelco 29.10.19 The Chairman and Cllr BJ reported back on the meeting. He also noted he was concerned no contact had been made from Highways about the proposed mitigation measures on Wall hill Lane. They thought there should be extra signage on the A34 to highlight the Weight restriction they offered to provide new signage.

175/19 Clerks Report

Cheshire East – Community Governance Review

The Clerk had circulated this consultation and explained to members to possible outcomes.

Cllr LW also passed on some information from meetings she had attended.

PART 2

Resolved; "That in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 as extended by the Local Government Act 1972 section 100 the press and public

be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the under mentioned item on the grounds that the publication of the matter would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

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177/19 The next meeting would be the on 8th January 2019 @ 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall

Meeting closed at 10.10pm